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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed," and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5, 10-20	YES
	Claims	6-9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5, 10-20	YES
	Claims	6-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1) Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1 : JP 9-153643 A D2 : JP 9-129925 A D3 : JP 2001-7397 A
D4 : JP 10-173220 A D5 : JP 7-302929 A D6 : JP 7-254733 A

2) The subject-matter of claims 6-9 lacks novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

The subject-matter of claims 6-9 is a nitride semiconductor LED comprising: a substrate; a GaN-based buffer layer; a first electrode layer of a n⁺-GaN layer; n-GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer; an active layer; and a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.

But D1 discloses a nitride semiconductor having the same structure as claims 6-9 of the present invention. An LED, described in paragraph 0010-0012 and figure 1 of D1, comprises a substrate; a buffer layer; a first electrode layer of a highly doped n⁺-GaN layer; a slightly doped n-GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer; an active layer; and a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.

Although there is a slight difference in the material of the buffer layer, it is a well-known fact that the AlN buffer can be easily substituted for the GaN-based buffer.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 6-9 is not inventive.

3) The present application is believed to be industrially applicable according to PCT Article 33(4).